

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006  
REGULAR SESSION  
PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, HIGH SCHOOL  
7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:00 PM in the Principal's Conference Room at Belmont High School. All members were present. Town Administrator Tom Younger and Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti were also present.

**QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS**

There were no questions.

**ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

*Discussion of Order of Articles at Town Meeting*

The Board discussed whether to alter the order of the Articles for the Town meeting about to take place. Capital Budget Committee Chair and Warrant Committee member Pat Bruschi had expressed concern about department heads having to stay late into the evening if the budget articles remain last on the Warrant. It was clarified that Mr. Younger and Mr. Conti have spoken to the department heads and asked only those whose input may be needed during debate to attend.

The Board moved: to make no change in the order of articles for the November 13, 2006 Town Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

**OTHER**

Chairman Solomon said that Lisa Bernt has applied to serve on the Human Rights Commission. He recommended that the Board appoint her to that group to fill the remainder of the term (1½ years) of a departing member, but asked whether his colleagues would prefer to wait until the next meeting of the Board in order to consider the nomination. It was agreed that Mr. Firenze will speak with the nominee and action on this item will be deferred until the Board's next meeting on November 27.

Town Administrator's Report – Mr. Younger reported on the following items:

- Fire Stations – The central fire station remains on schedule for a closing of the sale on November 20. The Harvard Lawn Committee has received the proposals for redeveloping that property and will be reviewing them on November 21.
- Police Chief search – The first round of interviews is complete. A second round of interviews will be held next week, with the goal of narrowing the field to five candidates who will go through the assessment center and be winnowed down to three final candidates to be presented to the Board.
- Median strip signs – Mr. Younger has designed a process to keep track of median strip sign requests. There was discussion of traffic safety concerns relative to sign locations in front of the library and post office. It was agreed that Mr. Younger will try to find ways to reduce the number of signs in the median and to avoid placing them in areas where they would obstruct visibility for people trying to make left turns.

Selectman Firenze suggested that someone should take a fresh look at the whole list of future building projects. He recommended a new group of 6-8 people be formed to look at this matter from a town-wide perspective, suggesting that the MEGA group is too big to do this. There was discussion.

Mr. Conti reviewed the readers for the Town Meeting Articles. With regard to Article 11, in response to a request from Selectman Brownsberger, Mr. Conti provided the Selectmen with budget data on increases in local aid and the school budget from FY06 to FY07, and details on amounts that were transferred from the Town's accounts to the schools to balance the FY07 budget.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Thomas G. Younger  
Town Administrator